THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The information to the Question is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.

Development of horticulture crops in Andhra Pradesh

1670. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have selected some areas in Andhra Pradesh for development of horticulture crops which have an export potential;

(b) if so, the details of such horticulture crops; and

(c) the incentives being extended for propagation of such crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The crops covered include mango, cashew and grapes.

(c) Incentives being provided both by the centre and the State Governments by way of subsidy in planting material for area expansion and for rejuvenation of old plantation, fertilisers, plant protection chemicals, training of farmers, etc. for improving productivity and quality. In addition, the National Horticulture Board is providing assistance in term of soft loan for development of infrastructure for post harvest handling and marketing of produce both for domestic and export market.

ECO-Friendly pesticides

1671. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented any scheme to propagate eco-friendly pesticides in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated for this purpose in 1995-96; and

(c) the amount spent so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing a Central Sector Scheme entitled "Integrated Pese Management Centres" in the country including Andhra Pradesh to propagate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach. The IPM is a broad ecological approach employing all available methods and techniques of pest control such as cultural, mechanical, biological and use of eco friendly pesticides. In Andhra Pradesh, 2 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres located at Hyderabad and Vijayawada are engaged in promoting IPM approach among the farmers and extension officers.

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs. 41.04 lakhs has been proposed for the year 1995-96 against the expected expenditure of 35.90 lakhs during 1994-95.

Projection of demand for foodgrains

1672. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any demand projection of foodgrains during the coming five years in view of the rate of population growth in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what strategy has been formulated by Government to attain the estimated foodgrains requirement in the country during the next five years or so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The demand of foodgrains for human consumption during 1994 was provisionally estimated to be about 152.35 million tonnes. Besides, the demand for seed, feed and wastage was estimated as 22.76 million tonnes. Thus total demand for foodgrains in 1994 was placed at 175.11 million tonnes. The demand for foodgrains in the next five years is likely to increase at the rate of 2.5-2.7 per annum depending upon the rate of increase in population and per capita income.

(c) The on-going crop production schemes for the development of Rice, Wheat, Coarse Cereals, etc., have been modified from the year 1994-95 with an objective of increasing overall production and productivity of cereals through development of cropping system as a whole under specified Crop Based Cropping Systems.

Latur quake affected villages

1673. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of quake affected villages in Latur and Osmanabad which are to be reconstructed to rehabilitate the quake survivors;

(b) what is the role of the Central Government in the reconstruction of these villages stating the nature of aid to be provided; and

(c) what is the present position with regard to reconstruction of these villages stating the number of villages reconstructed and the number of affected families resettled so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The Maharashtra Earthquake Rehabilitation Project envisages relocation and total reconstruction of 52 completely destroyed villages.

(b) Apart from channelising the external credit, the Government of India is also providing the State Government necessary technology support for the rehabilitation programme.

(c) Construction of about 6,000 houses under the rehabilitation project has been completed and another 11,000 are under construction. Pending permanent rehabilitation, all the affected families in the 52 villages have been provided temporary shelters.

IARI Library

1674. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IARI Library has assumed National Charter and played a leading role in the development of agricultural libraries relating to manpower resources, literature development and professional activities;

(b) whether a number of fora such as Dr. Ralph Shaw and Dr. D. B. Krishna Rao Committee (1958), ICAR Joint workshop on libraries and Exten. service Pantnagar (1965), Joint Indo-American library survey and study team (Dr. Dorothy Parkar Committee 1967). Dr. Ramaiah Committee (1975), working group on Agricultural Libraries of Planning Commission (1985—90) ICAR Quinquennial, Review Team on IARI (1972—82 and 1983—90) have recommended, from time to time, for grant of national status to IARI Library;

(c) The steps Government are contemplating to implement the recommendations made by various fora; and

(d) what are the reasons which have prevented Government so far from granting national status to the library?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The IARI including its Library is already enjoying the national character in the country.

(d) The facilities in the library are being upgraded to bring it to the level where it can be considered for grant of National status.

Productivity of cotton

1675. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL:
SHRI S. MADHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is our present level of productivity of cotton per hectare of land and how does it compare with other countries;

(b) the steps Government have taken to identify the causes or low productivity;

(c) the steps Government have taken to remedy the situation;